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Dear Ed:

In confirmation of our recent discussions, please be advised that as of 25 January 1965 it appeared that a more realistic delivery schedule under Contract [] Task Order No. 6 would be 1 March 1965 for Unit No. 1 and 1 April 1965 for Unit No. 2.

The delay in delivery is almost directly attributable to a one month slippage in the scheduled delivery date for the lens for both Unit No. 1 and Unit No. 2. This slippage occurred even though overtime and double shifts were utilized whenever they could benefit the schedule.

The engineering and assembly staff of this company has been working on an overtime basis averaging approximately 60 hours per week per man, since the receipt of the lenses.

We have also applied pressure to insure the best possible delivery and the items listed below are representative of the steps taken in an effort to accelerate the schedule:

1. An additional darkroom was constructed to allow simultaneous testing of Units 1 and 2.
2. Arrangements were made to have [] from our [] facility come to our facility for over a month to supervise the optical alignment. It was felt that Jack's special talents and previous experience with the equipment when he was assigned to [] would help shorten the delivery time.
3. A wet darkroom has been made available for exclusive use of this project during the testing phase. This was done to insure that no time would be lost while waiting for some other project to finish using the darkroom.
4. A photographic technician has been made available on a full time basis for exclusive use of the project to develop film used in the alignment/testing phase.

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5. Various combinations of overtime and work shifts were tried to insure that the method which produced the maximum amount of work in the shortest time was chosen as the work schedule for this particular program.
6. All items pertaining to the program are being given top priority by this company.
7. An extensive examination of the program was made to insure that as many items as possible were being done in parallel.

In summary we are doing everything possible to complete the units in the shortest time; however that time, it appears, will be 1 March for Unit No. 1 and 1 April for Unit No. 2.

Your prompt approval of the foregoing would be greatly appreciated.



Contracts Manager

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